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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in response to the Official Action dated October 4, 2002.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 2 and 3.

Please amend claim 1 as follows (**a marked-up version of the amended claims is attached hereto**):

1. (Amended) Liquid filter comprising a housing, a cover to seal said housing, a filter element arranged in said housing, and a supporting body for the filter element connected to the cover, wherein the housing has an inflow opening for the liquid to be filtered, an outlet opening for the filtered liquid, and a drain opening for the liquid, which is sealed during normal operation of the filter element and is opened for maintenance or replacement of the filter